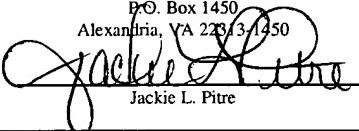


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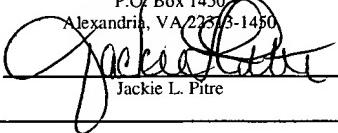
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

(under 37 CFR § 1.114)

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application number 09/841,430, filed on April 24, 2001, entitled IN SITU THERMAL PROCESSING OF A COAL FORMATION USING PRESSURE AND/OR TEMPERATURE CONTROL.

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Assignee:	Shell Oil Company	
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**Application Elements**

- Filing Fee  
A Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit for the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.
- Information Disclosure Statement, accompanying Form PTO-1449; and electronically submitted Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
- Amendments
  - An amendment is enclosed.
  - Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.
  - Please consider the arguments in the response filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

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- Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on \_\_\_\_.
5.  Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time
6.  Return Receipt Postcard

If an extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above referenced application from becoming abandoned, the appropriate extension of time is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5659-09600/EBM.

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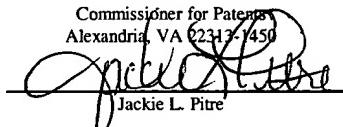
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In response to the Office action of June 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 29 of this paper.